

Art Unit: 2822

DETAILED ACTION

*** This office action is in response to Applicant's Amendment filed May 14, 2008. Claims 3,8-21 are pending. Claims 1-2,4-7 were cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3,8-21 are allowed for reasons as of record
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Applicant's amendment filed May 14, 2008 have overcome the rejections in the last office action by cancellation of all rejected claims 2 and 5-7.

Claims 3 and 8-21 are allowed as of record. The references of record including Allman et al (6,524,926), Vaartstra (6,445,023), Hu (6,281,541), Sung (6,346,454), etc., alone or in combination, do not fairly anticipatively disclose each and every aspect of the claimed method, or fairly make a prima facie obvious case of the method for forming a semiconductor device as claimed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael M. Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-1847. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00 Am to 5:30 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zandra Smith can be reached on (571) 272-2429. The fax phone number is (571) 273-8300.

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